Fraud in the purchase of Diesel Oil

1627. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) Government's reaction to the news-item captioned "Diesel Kharid ghotaley mein karoron ki dhokadhadi" which appeared in Punjab Kesari (New Delhi edition), dated 31st May, 2000;

(b) whether any investigation has been carried out in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the names of persons involved and the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to stop recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (e) Some customers who were obtaining petroleum products on concessional sales tax basis are alleged to have been diverting these products for the purposes other than the intended use thereby evading sales tax. Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered a case in the matter on 23rd May 2000 at Gandhinagar, Gajarat.

Setting up of oil Refineries by LOC

1628. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of oil refineries being set up by the Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) in country;

(b) the places identified for the location of these refineries, States-wise; and

(c) the year by which these refineries would start commercial production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) is setting up a refinery of 9 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA) capacity at village Abhayachandrapur near Pradip in Orissa and the project as per present schedules, is likely to be completed in August, 2003.

Award of Dealerships to SCs/STs for Transportation of Petroleum Products etc.

1629. SHRI R.N. ARYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various oil companies falling within the administrative control of his Ministry appoint/engage persons' firms as dealers for transportation, carry and forward as well as sale of various petroleum products such as Naptha;

(b) if so, the provisions, if any, made for providing quota in such dealerships/agencies for the SCsSTs and the number of such dealerships awarded to the persons belonging to the SCsSTs during the last five years as compared to the total dealerships and there percentage; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) Oil marketing companies appoint persons firms as dealers for transportation, clearing and forwarding agents and distributors for marketing of various petroleum products. As far as naphtha is concerned the same is allocated to various sectors like fertilizers, power, petro-chemical etc. as per the laid down policy.

As per the Government guidelines 25% of Retail Outlets Dealerships, LPG Distributorships and SKO-LDO Dealerships are reserved for SC/STs. The Govt, guidelines for award of POL Road movement, the percentage of reservation is 15% for SCs and 7.5% of STs on all India basis. The members of SC/ST desirous of operating the transport trucks have to participate in the tenders floated by oil industry. The members of SC/ST should fulfil all tender conditions